

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 11-19 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor (U.S. Patent No. 2,929,519). Taylor relates to an elevating trailer or dolly, and not to a test stand. Applicants note that the Examiner does not explicitly discuss which of the features of Taylor are the four lifting units ... each ...operable to independently tip the upper frame. Applicants submit that the lifting mechanism of the Taylor dolly includes fore and aft lifting assemblies 14 and 15 (see Figure 4). However, these assemblies 14 and 15 do not number "4" units as claimed, nor would be the assemblies 14 and 15 be operable to independently tip the upper frame as claimed.

Other assemblies besides linkage assemblies 14 and 15 are shown mounted at corner zones of the Taylor dolly, however these assemblies are for steering the dolly (wheel assemblies 17 and 18) (see col. 2, lines 33-41). Thus, these assemblies 17 and 18 and their parallelogram type linkages (col. 2, lines 70 and 71) would not be considered lifting units.

Turning to the linkage assemblies 14 and 15 (assembly 14 shown in Figure 6), each assembly includes upper and lower links. For assembly 14, this would be represented by links 44 and 46, respectively in Figure 6. As shown in Figure 6, these two assemblies are not disposed at corner zones of the dolly (rather, the middle of the dolly), and there are only two of these assemblies. Also, in conjunction with the scissor-type lifting unit, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the hydraulic actuators 48 would not suggest independently tipping the upper frame *at each corner* of the dolly with two actuators located at the fore and aft end of the dolly, and two located on the right and left sides of the dolly (see col. 5, lines 3-9). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 16, and 20 are allowable.

Dependent claims 2, 8, 9, and 17-19 are allowable at least based on their dependency on claims 1 and 16, as applicable.

Independent claim 11 recites that the lifting means provide the sole source of tipping. In view of the differences between the Taylor dolly and the present invention as discussed above, coupled with the Examiner not reciting which components are considered the lifting units, and with the Examiner's rejection in prior Office Actions (when citing Claps) where the lifting units were considered to include diagonal braces (see, for example, page 3, third paragraph of the November 2, 2004 Office Action), the Examiner is kindly requested to indicate which components are considered the lifting units in the Taylor dolly in a non-Final Office Action. This clarification would also allow Applicants to properly address the rejection of claims 13 and 15.

Claim 12 recites a feature of lifting units disposed in corner zones of the frame units. As discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that linkage assemblies 14 and 15 are not located in corner zones of the Taylor dolly.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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